

Angie Lake

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To: Angie Lake; Rep. Jim Ellison (District 26); Rep. Kathy Crawford (District 38); Rep. Jim Runestad (District 44); Rep. James Lower (District 70); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Roger Hauck (District 99); Rep. Patrick Green (District 28); Rep. Jeremy Moss (District 35); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109)
Subject: Woodlands Ordinance Bills 1188-1194

Dear Members of the Local Government Committee:

Please do not approve the ridiculous woodlands bills before your committee. As a sitting member of Novi City Council and a citizen, I am appalled at this blatant attempt to usurp local control and intervene in the longstanding "Home Rule" Act.

- * Local municipalities are in the best position to understand and regulate certain environmental conditions.
- * This would void reasonable regulations that local governments have established that are designed to improve the property values and ensure quality of life for their residents.
- * Passage of these bills would create uncertainty in the development process, affecting economic development.
- * This undermines a city's ability to address local concerns, and takes away a citizen's ability to bring concerns to their closest unit of government.

As several members of this committee, including Rep. Crawford, have experience at the City Council level, they should understand the importance of leaving these local ordinances intact and without state interference. Instead, one company's folly and disregard for local rules is now impacting our entire state.

Kindly listen to the numerous organizations that protested these bills in the Senate, now in the House, and do not move these forward for a vote.

Sincerely,

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